Haldia petro-chemical projects

692. SHRIMATI KANAK MUKHERJEE: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Qusetions 579 and 1416 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 29th July, 1985 and 2nd December, 1985 1925 respectively and state the reasons Government have refused to enter into financial collaboration (equity capital) with the West Bengal Government for the proposed Haldia Petro-Chemical Project?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF CHEMICALS AND PETRO-CHEMICALS (SHRI R.K. JAICHANDRA SINGH): On account of resource constraint it has not been found possible for Central Government to participate in the equity capital of the proposed Haldia Petrochemical Project.

Stopping production of formulators by IDPL Muzaffarpur

693. SHRI ASHWANI KUMAR:
SHRI S.W. DHABE:

Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that production of certain formulations have been stopped by IDPL, Muzaffarpur, if so, what are those formulations and what are the reasons for stoppage of their production; and

(b) what steps are being taken by Government to restart the closed units.

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF CHEMICALS AND PETRO-CHEMICALS (SHRI R.K. JAICHANDRA SINGH): (a) and b) As Muzaffarpur Plant has no formulation capacity the question of stoppage of production of formulations does not arise.

Performance of IDPL

694. DR. SHANTI G. PATEL:
SHRI M. S. GURUPADASWAMY:
DR. (SHRIMATI) SAROJINI MAHISHI:

Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the performance of Indian Drugs and Pharmaceuticals has been steadily going down since its inception;

(b) whether the IDPL had made any profit in the past;

(c) whether the deteriorating conditions are due to top Management which has been drawn from Multinationals in the industry; and

(d) if so, whether any efforts are being made to enlist local Indian talent and fresh chemists and pharmacists in the IDPL?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF CHEMICALS AND PETRO-CHEMICALS (SHRI R. K. JAICHANDRA SINGH): (a) and (b) IDPL made profits from 1974-75 to 1978-79. Losses since 1979-80 have been fluctuating.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.

Managing Director of German remedies

695. SHRI SHANKER SINH VAGHELA: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government are considering the candidature of Mr. Gordon R. Wing of Australia for the Managing Director of German Remedies Limited;

(b) whether any decision has been taken about the candidature of Mr. H. J. Voss, the Managing Director of German Remedies who had applied last year for the renewal of his tenure as a Managing Director; and